

Mirror editorials, etc.

Drilling to protect the people

The Carbondale Bureau of Fire recently held a fire drill at the Carbondale General Hospital.

Now, that in itself is not news because the fire department has always held drills to better prepare itself.

The purpose of this editorial is to let everyone know that these drills are serious business — that while they are only drills, they are meant to be taken seriously, because the practice taken now could very well save a life should the real thing ever take place.

So let's hear it for the volunteer firemen who give up nights at home to drill now to save lives later.

Mock disasters, too

Of course, we don't want to slight the volunteer ambulance corps whose members are constantly training because nearly every call they receive could be a life-saving one.

These people hold many training sessions during the year, taking tests to advance themselves, attending classes, and taking part in drills — usually called mock disasters.

Top of the town

HOPE YOU ALL had a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

MIST SAY that everyone seemed to be having a good time at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Harvest Festival held the other Sunday evening at the church auditorium. We didn't know that Domenick "Spice" Manno (no, name's Harry) was part of the featured entertainment.

FROM CHINA comes this note: A publication there recently asked for more freedom in printing items of opinion, stating that the government seemed a little too strict on this matter.

Well, the government replied that opinion could express their opinion in writing, so long as

Those opinions were written in one's personal diary and

That diary is not read by anyone other than the writer!

THINK ABOUT that for a while, friends. It's true!

MOVING RIGHT along, we continue with this week's fun-filled, name-dropping column.

MS. waters VS.

By NAN WATERS

There is a very nice custom among some ethnic groups of placing an extra plate at their holiday dinner table, in the event an unexpected "traveler" or guest shows up in need of sustenance. Whether or not anybody ever does is unimportant.

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of many elaborate Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners when we were growing up in the thirties and forties.

It's difficult for me to remember one that did not include a few extra guests. The family of three adults just next door, the couple down the street whose only son was in the service during WW II, a first cousin of my Dad's who had been widowed, twice.

The folks next door had a few cousins who showed up from time to time, and they were invited, too. And then we'd alternate with the neighbors, having one dinner at our house, and the next at theirs.

My Mother always was a great length for holiday meals. The best Haviland china, the good crystal, the family silver which all brought out and polished for the big meal.

These mock disasters test not only the corps personnel, but also the hospitals to which they are sent.

In this day and age of chemical leaks, bus accidents, airliner crashes, the possibility of a large-scale disaster in this area or anywhere is not as remote as we would think.

Thus, these precautions taken by ambulance corps personnel should not be taken lightly by the general public.

Welcome, MICU

The upper-valley mobile intensive care unit went into action last Monday morning at 8.

The rolling intensive care unit is different from any others in the area since it does not transport the trauma patients it treats.

Unlike the intensive care unit based in Scranton, the one based at St. Joseph's Hospital responds to traumata situations and then uses the ambulance of the local volunteer corps to transport the patient.

This cooperation is urgently needed to provide this area with the finest emergency medical care available — anywhere!

By the way, the upper valley mobile intensive care unit responded to three calls during its first 24 hours in operation.

Bad news time ...

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is always a time of paradox.

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But the fiscal new year is also around the corner and that means a time of taking.

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Happy New Year, everyone!

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Weekly police report

Incidents

Sunday, Nov. 22

At 9 p.m. police reported a Vandalism youth for drinking after his car was parked on N. Church Street at 10 p.m. with her inside.

Cited for purchase, consumption, possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages was Stanley F. Coar, Jr., 407 Main St., Vandalism. Police confiscated several containers of beer from the car. Sgt. Jay McDonald issued the citation.

Monday, Nov. 23

At 9 p.m. police received a complaint from Deborah Moran, 47 Summit Ave., Carbondale, that vandals had broken from a window on her apartment. Patrolman Francis Coleman took the complaint.

At 11 a.m. police were summoned to the Alter residence, 104 Brook St., Carbondale, where they were told that a wooden fence alongside the house had been damaged.

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Later, at 11:50 a.m. police were summoned by the next door neighbor, George Ches, 545 Canaan St., Carbondale, who reported that three 10-speed bicycles were stolen from his garage. The total value of the missing bikes was estimated at \$435.

Patrolman William Coleman investigated the first call while Patrolman Francis Coleman investigated the second.

Cited for purchase, consumption, possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages was Stanley F. Coar, Jr., 407 Main St., Vandalism. Police confiscated several containers of beer from the car. Sgt. Jay McDonald issued the citation.

Monday, Nov. 23

A motorist waiting for the light on N. Main Street at the Eighth Avenue intersection was injured when his car was struck by another car which had jumped gear at 3:25 p.m.

Taken to Carbondale General Hospital in the Cottage House ambulance was Frank Collard, 10 Drummond Ave., Carbondale. He was struck by a car that had been driven by Jean Upright, 11 Orchard St., Carbondale.

Upright's car was parked on Pike Street when it apparently jumped gear and struck an unoccupied car driven by Nancy Gurtano, 10 Westgate Drive, Carbondale, at 10:15 p.m.

Police say Brian Jay White, 9 Archbold St., Carbondale, was driving on Brooklyn Street when his car struck and damaged a Pennsylvania Power and Light Company pole at 2nd Brook St., Carbondale. Sgt. Jay McDonald investigated.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

At 6 p.m. police were summoned to the home of Don Lipka, 17 Russell St., Carbondale, where they found that a side window and wall had been damaged. Ms. Lipka said that a car had been driven into the house and had been damaged. She said that the car had been driven into the house and had been damaged.

Thursday, Nov. 26

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Saturday, Nov. 28

A 19-year-old Carbondale girl sustained a lacerated ankle when she struck the rear of a passing car on Sand Street while riding her plastic three-wheel bike at 1:35 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, 11 a.m., morning worship service, with sermon by the Rev. Charles F.J. Sturges, pastor, 6 p.m., Junior Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m., Senior Youth Fellowship.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Women's Association Christmas dinner.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Carbondale

Daily Masses are held at 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Saturday Masses are 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-4 p.m., Christmas party for all the children of the parish, from grades kindergarten to sixth, in the church auditorium, Fairbrook St., Carbondale. All children of the seventh and eighth grades wishing to attend are also welcome.

First United Methodist Church, Jermyn

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal; 7 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday, Dec. 6, Second Sunday of Advent, 10 a.m., morning worship, with sermon, "The Coming of Christ." — Scripture, Isaiah 11:1-10 and the Gospel, Luke 12:35. Special music will be provided by the church choir. The Youth Fellowship will conduct the lighting of the Advent candles. Visitors are welcome; members are expected. A nursery is available during the worship service. 11:15 a.m., Sunday School, classes for all ages, preschool through adult, 9 p.m., Youth Fellowship meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m., JOY meets at 4:45 p.m. The Pastor-Parish Committee will meet with District Superintendent Rev. James Wirt.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m., The United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at the Castle Restaurant.

St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale

Daily Masses: 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Saturday Masses: 5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Confessions are heard from 3:45-5 p.m. and from 4:45-7 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 6 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 5:15 p.m.

HAPPY HUNTING!

These dedicated hunters dream of the one they lost.

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Church notes

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Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m., quilters will meet at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church, 10:30 a.m., Methodist Beaus and Belles Church practice, 7:30 p.m., 6 p.m., the Jewel Bible Class will meet in the church for a covered dish supper.

Friday, Dec. 4, 8:30 p.m., Spark rehearsal.

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Lackawanna Episcopal Ministry

Saturday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale, Holy Eucharist, the Rev. John Lloyd, rector.

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Christ Church, Forest City, 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, sermon, the Rev. Forest Vaughan.

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St. James, Jermyn, 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist and sermon, the Rev. Forest Vaughan.

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First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale

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Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30 a.m., GSE/Class Christmas party.

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